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A review of the New York Office (NYO), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) files reflects that there is nothing available concerning the following corporations:

Filmways, Incorporated N.Y., N.Y.

Offset Paperback Manufacturing
60 Wall Street
New York City, New York

Bachner, Tally, and Mantell
850 3rd Avenue
New York City, New York

A confidential source of the NYO, FBI, who is in a position to furnish information advised that there was no information available concerning a corporation entitled Filmways, Incorporated of New York City, nor was there anything available concerning a corporation entitled Offset Paperback Manufacturing, New York City, nor a firm entitled Bachner, Tally and Mantell, 850 3rd Avenue, New York City.

FBI, NYC reflects that Offset Paperback Manufacturing has no office in New York City and is contacted through telephone number 586-6868, which is a direct line to its office at Dallas, Pennsylvania. Investigation reflected that Bachner, Tally and Mantell is a law firm located at 850 3rd Avenue, telephone number 355-1800 and the prominent members of this firm are Robert L. Bachner, 25 Sutton Place, New York City; Charles H. Tally, 5 Meadow Road, Scarsdale, New York; and Seymour L. Mantell, 605 Pine Box Boulevard, New Rochelle, New York.

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The New York City Telephone Directory reflected the following listings:

Telephone number 986-6300, Bell Books, 750 3rd Avenue, New York City.

Telephone number 688-9215, Almat Publishing Corporation, 919 3rd Avenue.

Telephone number 679-7707, Tower Books, 185 Madison Avenue, New York City.

Telephone number 869-3000, Premiere Books, 1515 Broadway, New York City.

Telephone number 677-1000, Coronet Magazine, 315 South Park Avenue, New York City.

Telephone number 265-7300, Avon Books, 8th Avenue, and 57th Street, New York City.

Telephone number 686-9100, Manor Books, Incorporated, 329 5th Avenue, New York City.

Telephone number 687-2800, Columbia Broadcasting System, 355 Lexington Avenue, New York City.

A confidential source of the NYO, FBI, who is in a position to furnish information advised that YTR, Incorporated, is a holding company which is located at 1 Lincoln Plaza, New York City, telephone number (212) 595-3940, and its president is DAVID JORDAN. The principle activity of this company at the present time is that of a holding company. Through one subsidiary, Alco Universal, Incorporated, functions as a development builder of residential units and that company is currently operating as a debtor-in-possession. During the latter part of 1972, controlling interest of this corporation was acquired by DAVID JORDAN for an undisclosed consideration. At that time JORDAN reported that he had planned to divest the company of its two current subsidiaries, namely Alco Universal, Incorporated and Prestige Structures, Incorporated. The intent at that time for divesting the company of these subsidiaries was that a merger or acquisitiong of the company was in the offering.

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In 1967 he became Vice President of YTR Corporation and his duties at YTR consist of financial and operational responsibilities as well as acquisitions, mergers and similar duties.

The Publishers Distributing Corporation a subsidiary of Filmways, Incorporated, is located at 401 Park Avenue South, New York, New York, telephone number (212) MU 6-9100, and is primarily in the magazine and paperback book distribution business with the Chairman of the Board listed as a LAWRENCE H. MANEHIMER. During 1969, Publishers Distributing Corporation was merged into a subsidiary of Filmways, Incorporated, namely YWF Publishing Company, Incorporated. The Vice President of this corporation is listed as a Mr. Louis Rosen. There is no further available information at this time concerning the Publishers Distributing Corporation.

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The following companies are no longer subsidiaries of the YTR, Incorporated. The assets of which have been sold to others:

Valley Paperback Manufacturers, Incorporated
Tower Publications, Incorporated
Cavalcade Magazines, Incorporated
Roband Publications, Incorporated
Tower Comics, Incorporated
Dallas Realty, Incorporated
Chic-In-Joy Systems, Incorporated
Donut Systems, Incorporated
The Tire Mart, Incorporated
The Gemix Corporation
Bruner-Ritter Realty Corporation
Tire Mart Philadelphia, Incorporated
Belmont Productions, Incorporated
Metra-Car, Incorporated

The offices of YTR, Incorporated are shown to be David E. Jordan, President; Morris Miller, Secretary and Controller. The Directors are shown to be Frederick R. Olive. Mr. Miller is reportedly to be an Attorney and Mr. Olive is reportedly a principle in Quentin-Richard, Limited, New York City.

The following information was available regarding the Tower Publications, Incorporated, a subsidiary of Pary Corporation of Winnipeg, Canada.

Tower Publications, Incorporated is located at 185 Madison Avenue, New York, New York, telephone number (212) 679-7707 and it is listed as a book publisher with a president and chief executive listed as a Harry Shorten. In 1968, the business was formed under the present title, and YTR, Incorporated acquired the interested stock. In 1972, YTR, Incorporated sold its capital stock of the corporation to Pary Corporation of Winnipeg, Canada, for an undisclosed consideration. This corporation is now operated as a wholly owned subsidiary of the past three corporations of Winnipeg, Canada. This corporation was formerly affiliated with Skye Publishing Company, Incorporated and Yes Distribution Corporation, of New York City.

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Skye's Publishing Company, Incorporated, formerly published a monthly magazine entitled Cavalcade, however, this magazine is now published by a wholly owned subsidiary of Tower Publications, Incorporated, namely Cavalcade Magazines, Incorporated. The company's operations is primarily concerned with the publishing of fiction and non-fiction novels in the paperback edition. Its distribution territory is the New York Metropolitan area, whereupon it is located on the 14th floor of the multi-story office building, with warehouse facilities maintained at Route 309, Dallas, Pennsylvania.

The following are subsidiaries of Tower Publications, Incorporated:

Cavalcade Magazine, Incorporated, which publishing a monthly fiction magazine, titled "Cavalcade".

Tower Comics, Incorporated, which is engaged in the publication of comic books.

Roband Publications, Incorporated, which publishes "Afternoon TV".

Belmont Productions, Incorporated, exact nature of business not known. The officers of this corporation are Mr. Harry Shorten, President and Mr. Jerry Bresman as Vice President. Mr. Shorten was born in 1915 and is a married man. He was employed prior to 1958, with the Corporation entitled "Archie Publications, Incorporated". Mr. Jerry Bresman was born in 1932 and is a married man. He is a Graduate from Bernard Baruch School of Business of the City College of New York in May, 1955 with a BDA Degree. From 1953 to 1959, he was the Senior Accountant at Klein and Zeigler CPA. From 1959 to 1966 he was Treasurer of Miracle Mart, Incorporated, a discount department store chain which in 1966 filed a petition for bankruptcy. From 1966 to 1967, he was financial Vice President of Goodsland Department Stores, New York City, a chain discount department store.

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Since 1970, the company has been in serious financial trouble. Those subsidiaries are also having financial difficulties and in fact, bankruptcy proceedings had been initiated in December, 1972, in United States District Court (USDC), Grand Rapids, Michigan. The corporation was originally incorporated in 1924, as Adam Hat Stores, Incorporated. Later changed to Adam Consolidated Industries, and again changed to Vanderbilt Tire and Rubber Company and now goes under the title VTR, Incorporated. During later 1972, DAVID E. JORDAN acquired the control of the corporation through purchasing of capital stocks for an undisclosed consideration. In 1969, the Security and Exchange Commission advised that VTR, Incorporated and its subsidiary, Prestige Structures, Incorporated, and Allen Ginsburg, and officer of both companies consented to a permanent injunction against violations of the registration and anti-fraud provision of the Federal Security Laws. The injunction was issued by Federal Court in New York City, after the SEC had filed a complaint charging that Mr. Ginsburg made misleading statements in 1969, regarding the company's plan to build 70 modular homes. The company's principle function is that of a holding company and through two subsidiaries is engaged in the activities as a developer of residential modular units. The company operates out of a multi-story structure in Midtown Manhattan. The company has one direct subsidiary and one indirect subsidiary which are as follows:

The Alco Universal, Incorporated
241 East Saginaw
East Lansing, Michigan

During 1972, this company filed a bankruptcy petition and is now operating as a debtor-in-possession.

The Prestige Structures, Incorporated, was located in Lansing, Michigan and was acquired by the Alco Universal, Incorporated, which is presently in an inactive status.

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NOTE: This concerns a request from the [redacted] b6 b7C b7D to furnish information relative to firms engaged in the distribution of pornographic material in the U. S. and who may be involved in the distribution of pornographic material in Canada. [redacted]

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Our PH, PX, NH and NY Offices are being instructed to furnish results of investigation as requested by [redacted] to the Bureau in LHM form which will be disseminated to [redacted] and where appropriate to institute ITOM investigation.

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To: SACs, Philadelphia
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1 - Mr. Beavers

From: Acting Director, FBI

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Enclosed for receiving offices are two copies of a letter from [redacted] Liaison Officer, Inspector [redacted] dated 1/15/73, which is self explanatory. All offices receiving this communication conduct investigation requested by [redacted] and submit results in form of LHM.

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